


REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 17, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Invention 1, Claims 1-27, and 29, drawn to a modified surface. Applicants have cancelled Claims 28 and 30 (Invention II), drawn to methods of modifying a surface. Applicants have also cancelled Claim 31 (Invention III), drawn to a use of a device comprising a modified surface according to claim 1. This election is made without traverse as Applicants agree with the Examiner that the canceled claims are patentably distinct from the elected claims.

In addition, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the following coating :Ag-PTFE-surfactant

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the examination and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



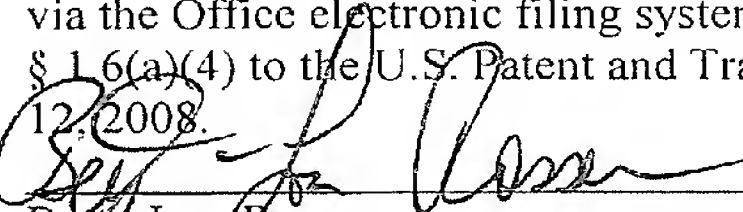
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